

I am concerned!

It has come to my attention that Sinclair Broadcasting is attempting to force all of their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary right before the election.

It seems that this is a case of the abuse of the power that comes from media consolidation by big companies. This company is attempting to sidetrack the democratic process.

It would be one thing if they were to produce a film such as Ferenhiet 911 to make their political statement because it would be a thetrical release. But they are using the PUBLIC'S airways to advance their corporate political agenda.

Sinclair's actions show why it is necessary to tighten ownership rules for mass media, not weaken them. Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies own too much of the media they become overly profit oriented and political rather than reflecting news on the regional and local level.

The renewal process should not just be a forgone conclusion for these big coporations. They should have to earn it by showing resposible stewardship of the public's airwaves.

Thank you.

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